A new specific test for idiopathic membranous nephropathy

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Circulating anti-phospholipase A2 receptor (PLA2R) antibodies have been identified as an immunological marker of disease activity in patients with idiopathic membranous nephropathy. A simple assay has been developed to detect anti-PLA2R antibodies in serum. Now, we can monitor the response to drugs and adapt therapy in daily clinical practice.